

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 and add new claims 10-12. A complete listing of the claims pending in the application is set forth below.

**Claim 1** (currently amended): A cable connecting structure for an electrical connector for connecting a coaxial cable including cable cores each having a core conductor and a core sheath to respective contacts of the electrical connector with exposed core conductors of the cable cores by peeling a leading end of said cable, comprising a dielectric member having air contained therein arranged to cover at least part of the exposed portions of said cable cores of the cable.

**Claim 2** (previously presented): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 1 wherein said dielectric member has a dielectric constant within a range of 1.5 to 4.5.

**Claim 3** (previously presented): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 1 wherein said dielectric member is arranged to cover at least the core conductors of the exposed portions of the cable cores.

**Claim 4** (currently amended): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 1 wherein said dielectric member is made of a material selected from a group consisting of porous resin material materials such as polystyrene foam, polytetrafluoro ethylene foam (PTFE), urethane, sponge and the like.

**Claim 5** (previously presented): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 2 wherein said dielectric member is arranged to cover at least the core conductors of the exposed portions of the cable cores.

**Claim 6** (currently amended): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 2 wherein said dielectric member is made ~~of a material selected from a group consisting of~~ porous resin material ~~materials such as polystyrene foam, polytetrafluoro-ethylene foam (PTFE), urethane, sponge and the like.~~

**Claim 7** (currently amended): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 3 wherein said dielectric member is made ~~of a material selected from a group consisting of~~ porous resin material ~~materials such as polystyrene foam, polytetrafluoro-ethylene foam (PTFE), urethane, sponge and the like.~~

**Claim 8** (previously presented): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 4 wherein said dielectric member is provided by winding a sheet of said porous resin material about at least part of the exposed portions of said cable cores of the cable.

**Claim 9** (previously presented): The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 4 wherein said dielectric member is provided by embracing at least part of the exposed portions of said cable cores of the cable between two sheets of said porous resin material.

**Claim 10 (new):** The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 4 wherein said porous resin material is selected from a group consisting of polystyrene foam, polytetrafluoro-ethylene foam (PTFE), urethane, sponge and the like.

**Claim 11 (new):** The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 6 wherein said porous resin material is selected from a group consisting of polystyrene foam, polytetrafluoro-ethylene foam (PTFE), urethane, sponge and the like.

**Claim 12 (new):** The cable connecting structure for an electrical connector as set forth in claim 7 wherein said porous resin material is selected from a group consisting of polystyrene foam, polytetrafluoro-ethylene foam (PTFE), urethane, sponge and the like.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Summary of the Office Action:**

The Examiner has objected to the abstract on the basis that it recites purported merits or speculative applications of the invention.

Claims 1-9 were pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as purportedly indefinite.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,923,410 to Suzuki ("Suzuki").

The Examiner has rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over Suzuki.

**Summary of Applicant's Response:**

Applicants have canceled lines 10-13 of the abstract.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to add the word coaxial.

Applicants have removed the "such as . . ." language of claims 4, 6 and 7, and added new claims 10-12 that depending from claims 4,6 and 7, respectively.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended application is in condition for allowance.